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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 29 October 1968

DD/I advised the Director that the [] paper on the Middle East, while an interesting effort, is sufficiently impractical that it ought not be sent forward to the White House.

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Godfrey reported that the demonstrations in Prague celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Czechoslovak republic were contained, although there may be another round when Slovakia celebrates the anniversary tomorrow.

Godfrey indicated that some sixteen to thirty Soviet aircraft landed in eastern Rumania for reasons which are unclear and that this enigma is being further explored today.

Godfrey drew attention to General Abrams's latest cable on the situation in Vietnam in which the General appears to overstate the enemy's problems in the Delta. The Director asked that our analysts review the matter and provide an in-house paper.

D/ONE reported that the Panama SNIE is in process and that it is hoped telephonic concurrence can be obtained by the weekend.

D/ONE informed that NIE 11-3 and the Laos SNIE should be ready for Thursday's USIB meeting and that the SNIE on Southeast Asia after the Vietnam war may also be ready for this week's meeting.

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Executive Director drew attention to the Agency's ceiling situation as a consequence of BALPA and in light of the fact that the Agency's ceiling limit is the on-duty strength figure as of 30 June 1966. He

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emphasized that there will be no flexibility in the ceiling through Fiscal Year 1970 and that requests by the Deputies for increases will have to be absorbed within current ceiling.

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DDCI noted that General Reynolds' report is in on what will be needed in intelligence terms in the event of a bombing halt and cease fire in Vietnam.

DDCI advised that there is an NDPC meeting today on the issue of releasing target information to SEATO, which means therefore that the subject should be tabled for Thursday's USIB meeting.

The Director emphasized that the problem of Cambodia's role in supplying the enemy in Vietnam is still very much with us, and he urged that appropriate Executive Committee members devote hard thought to ways in which Cambodia might be impelled to cope with the problem and that such ideas be forwarded to him by tomorrow.

The Director indicated that he has reviewed the quarterly report on Career Trainee attrition and asked that each Deputy give the section dealing with his directorate his fullest attention.

The Director asked for and received from Godfrey an explanation of the difference between DIA and CIA pinpointed in this morning's CIB item on the role of the Soviet special military support bases. Godfrey indicated that DIA resists the notion that these bases are used exclusively for storing nuclear weapons, since acceptance of that argument would have serious implications for U. S. targeting and force levels.

*The Director commented that we will be receiving various requests from White House staffers for information and materials pertaining to various foreign policy issues and problems which are now being reviewed for inclusion in the history of the Johnson Administration. The Director reiterated that we should be forthcoming with materials which were originally designed for external use. However, strictly internal documents (for example, Memoranda for the Record prepared by former Directors or DDCI's on White House meetings) do not constitute appropriate documents for the historical record. He asked that [REDACTED]

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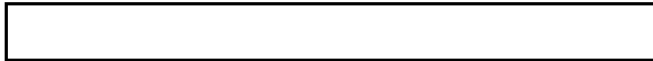
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for the Johnson Library, be utilized as the point of reference for all such requests and that the Director be advised of the existence of such requests and the manner in which they are being handled.



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